

JOINT KNOWLEDGE ONLINE

VCAT VIRTUAL AWARENESS TRAINER

Virtual Cultural Awareness Trainer

VCAT courses are multi-media rich, self-paced online courses available on JKO. VCATs teach essential culture awareness and language familiarity, tailored to particular areas of operation and mission scenarios. These advanced web-based courses use a variety of learning technologies including game-based technology, storytelling and intelligent tutoring to immerse the learner in interactive scenarios specific to missions and fundamental language to impart culture and language competence for area and mission-specific duties. Specific VCAT courses cover regions in Africa, the Middle East, South and Central America, the Caribbean and Asia. VCAT courses are also available for Apple and Android mobile devices using the free JKO Mobile app.

Mission areas are tailored for each region and include Civil Affairs, Countering Transnational Organized Crime, Theater Security Cooperation, Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief, Meetings and Engagements, and others. Country and region lessons provide a foundation and context for operational culture and language and use a variety of interactive learning activities. On-camera interviews with military members, host country nationals and language experts provide a native perspective to help trainees understand the operational environment. Many VCATs include language instruction and provide trainees with the opportunity to practice key phrases using record and playback technology. Basic Language Survival Guides for the target languages are provided by the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

Find VCAT Courses on JKO:

Step 1: Login to JKO at https://jkodirect.jten.mil and select "Login Using My CAC" in the "CAC Login" box. Non-CAC users follow instructions provided under the "Login Options" section on the page to submit an account request to the JKO Help Desk.

Step 2: Select Course. Select the "Course Catalog" tab at top of the page. Search for a specific course using the search fields above each column, "Course Number" and "Title" and the "Search" button. For a list of all VCATs available on JKO, enter "VCAT" in the search box above the "Title" column and select "Search."

Step 3: Enroll and Launch your course selection by selecting the "Enroll" button next to the course title. When prompted to confirm course enrollment selection, click "Continue." The course will move to the "My Training" tab. You can start the course at this time by clicking the "Launch" button; otherwise, you can start the course at a later time or resume a course from "My Training."

For questions please contact the JKO Help Desk at 757-203-5654 or jkohelpdesk@jten.mil.

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About JKO

Joint Knowledge Online is the DoD authoritative distributed learning capability for military and civilian individual and staff online training. It is the Joint Staff system of record for joint training requirements. Joint, Interagency, Inter-government and Multinational Stakeholders use JKO for a cost efficient, distributed learning solution to meet their training requirements. Our team of advanced distributed learning technology, instructional system design, and training professionals develops, delivers, tracks reports web-based training on JKO. We develop media-rich, interactive courses, tailored scenario simulation applications, and train others to fully leverage JKO to manage their unique, online training requirements.

IKO Features

- 24/7 global distributed access on military unclassified and classified networks and mobile devices.
- ☐ Software-hardened learning content management system.
- ☐ Web-based JKO Course Builder courseware development tool with HTML5 capability.
- ☐ Roles-based access enabling segmented user views of JKO course database.
- ☐ Level 2 and above Interactive Multimedia Instruction courses.
- ☐ SCORM compliant courseware development, conversion and hosting.
- Area of operations and tailored scenario simulation immersive training applications.
- ☐ Distributed, desktop small group exercise training.
- ☐ Free JKO Mobile app for iOS and Android mobile phone and tablet users.